

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

RECOMMENDING

*The passage of an act to permit the United States consul at Warsaw, Russia, to accept decorations from Russia.*

DECEMBER 21, 1885.—Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, December 17, 1885.*

SIR: I have the honor to send you inclosed extracts from dispatches numbers 115 and 119 from Mr. Joseph Rawicz, consul of the United States at Warsaw, Russia, relating to certain decorations that have been conferred upon him by the Russian Government.

In accordance with Mr. Rawicz's request I respectfully recommend that a bill be passed granting him permission to accept said decorations. It is proper to add that the office held by Mr. Rawicz is compensated by fees, the amount of which is very insignificant, and that he is a Russian subject.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

T. F. BAYARD.

HON. JOHN SHERMAN,  
*President of the Senate pro tempore.*

No. 115.]

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,  
*Warsaw, June 5, 1885.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the State Department's two copies of the monthly consular reports Nos. 47 and 48, one circular of April 9, and one dispatch, No. 61, of April 22 last.

In reply to the latter, I have the honor to state that, having been decorated by the Russian and French Governments, viz:

March 24, 1875, with the order of St. Stanislaus, third class, for my services of twenty years as judge of the commercial court;

May 25, 1877, with the order of St. Anna, third class, as member of the committee of Philadelphia Exhibition, held in 1876;

October 30, 1878, with the Red Cross;

September 25, 1880, with the French Cross of the Legion of Honor for the Paris Exhibition of 1878;

May 15 and June 25, 1883, with two orders of St. Stanislaus, second class, for my services as member of the committee of the Warsaw Commercial School; and, finally,

February 28, 1885, with the order of St. Anna, second class, as curator of the Warsaw Lunatic Asylum, for ten years' services.

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I am, sir, your obedient servant,

JOSEPH RAWICZ,  
*United States Consul.*

Hon. WILLIAM HUNTER,  
*Second Assistant Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.*

No. 119.]

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,  
*Warsaw, October 1, 1885.*

SIR: \* \* \* I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of dispatch No. 63, of July 15 last. In reply to the latter I have the honor to inform you that being at the head of the oldest local banking house, existing since 1769, I am frequently called to hold various Government and private honorary offices, as a president or member of committees.

This prominent position always enables me to decisively act in the behalf of this consulate, and this influential position becomes the more desirable, as this consulate is the *only one* not being *general*, and the latter circumstance *greatly* influences upon the official classification of foreign consuls in *this country*. Owing, however, to my personal position I am enabled in some measure to keep myself upon the level with the rights due to my colleagues the consuls-general.

Many a time I requested the State Department for changing this consulate into a general one, never requiring any special pecuniary compensation or privilege, as I wanted *only the title* indispensable for the intercourse with the *local authorities*. Not wishing to be behind all other local consuls, I requested long ago for this title the Department of State by the mediation of some of the United States ministers passing through Warsaw to St. Petersburg, but I regret to say their mediation as well as their representations made the State Department remained till now entirely unconsidered.

The reason why the other European powers are represented *here* by the consuls-general is, that Warsaw was once the capital of the Kingdom of Poland.

As the subject of this country, I cannot decline the acceptance of the Russian decorations, and therefore I respectfully beg you to pass the necessary formalities through the Congress relative to the orders already received by me.

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I am, sir, your obedient servant,

JOSEPH RAWICZ,  
*United States Consul.*

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